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CRF funded projects in Uttaranchal

Details of estimated cost, fund released and utilized during last three years for CRF works.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Total No. of works sanctioned	Sanctioned cost	Fund released	Fund utilized
2002-2003	2	655.00	1055.27	1026.00
2003-2004	26	4726.84	508.79	508.79
2004-2005	1	600.00	743.40	743.40

National Highways leading to Mundra Port

2554.SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to four lane the National Highways leading to Mundra Port; and

(b) what is the time-frame for the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Four-laning of the National Highway leading to Mundra port is under proposal stage. As such, it is too early to give the details.

NH-8 between Vadodara and Surat

2555. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tenders for widening the National Highway between Vadodara and Surat on NH-8 are received;

(b) if so, by when the work would be awarded; and

(c) what is the time-frame for the completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Tenders for widening NH-8 between Vadodara and Surat from four-lane to six-lanes have been received. However, Government approval for this work is awaited.

The work is likely to be awarded during 2005-06 and completed by December, 2008 subject to Government approval for this project during *the* current year.

Study of road safety matters

2556. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently formed a sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary to study road safety matters in Europe, etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that only non-experts have been nominated to this Committee;

(d) the reasons for excluding pioneers in road safety matters in the country in this body; and

(e) the steps proposed to include a representative of the road safety forum in this study group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) A Committee has been appointed to deliberate and recommend on creation of a dedicated body on Road Safety and Traffic Regulations under the Chairmanship of Shri S. Sundar, Distinguished Fellow, The Energy Research Institute and former Secretary of the then Ministry of Surface Transport. Other members of the Committee represent various Government agencies/lnstitutions/Organisations/Non-Governmental
Organizations/academic institution associated with preventive and curative aspects of road safety. The terms of reference for the Committee include